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Executive Order
Wilderotter

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. James Wilderotter

Upon receipt of Brent Scowcroft's August 30, 1975 draft executive order, I called Jim Wilderotter to determine the degree of coordination and time table involved in the request for our comments. The following came out of our discussion.

When I pointed out to Jim that our omnibus regulation was going to be delivered to the White House later today and that it covered the same items found in the draft executive order establishing restrictions on Foreign Intelligence activities as well as additional limitations, he said that both packets should be reviewed simultaneously. Thus any effort to have our review of their material await White House review of our material was rejected.

I told Jim that it struck me that the issue was a "community matter" and that we had intended to treat it as such but were advised by Scowcroft that the White House only wanted the Agency's views. Jim said in fact it was a community matter and that copies had gone to the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice (no copies to Treasury). Wilderotter said he expected the loudest objection to come from the FBI and since Attorney General Levi was out of town until Tuesday that all they wanted by Tuesday was to "take the temperatures of the recipients."

I asked Jim as to the eventual time table for issuance. He said he believed the executive orders were to be promulgated in a "couple of weeks." Jim thought that the assassination report would be a triggering device. They would wait a week or ten days -- until the dust settled-- and then promulgate the executive orders.

I told Wilderotter that having received the draft on the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend with many of the "best and brightest" on vacation, the degree of coordination would not be as high as we wanted, if our comments were really expected by noon on September 2.

Jim anticipated a meeting either at the end of the week of September 2 or the following week at which time the various heads of the community would be able to go over the document line by line. I indicated that this was much more reasonable and that we would certainly be able to comply.



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